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1. BENIN'S COMPLAINT OF "AGGRESSION" --

BENIN'S ACTING PERMREP HOUNGAVOU ASKED SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MURRAY (UK) FOR INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS AND FORMAL CONCIL MEETING FEB. 7 ON BENIN'S COMPLAINT AND HOPED DISCUSSION COULD TERMINATE FEB. 8 WITH ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE FACT-FINDING MISSION TO DETERMINE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR "AGGRESSION" AND WHY "AGGRESSION" WAS COMMITTED. UKUN MISOFF DESCRIBED HOUNGAVOU AS "EVASIVE" IN ASSIGNING BLAME AND DETAILING DAMAGES, NUMBERS OF DEAD AND IDENTITY OF PRISONERS. CONFIDENTIAL

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GIVEN UK SUSPICIONS CONCERNING VERACITY OF CLAIM, MURRAY DECIDED TO HAVE BILATERAL INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS FEB. 7, BUT HOUNGAVOU TOLD HIM THAT WAS UNSATISFACTORY. BRITISH FEAR THAT BENIN WISHES THE SC TO STAMP ITS APPROVAL ON BENIN'S CLAIM, WHICH WILL BE USED TO JUSTIFY FURTHER REPRESSIVE INTERNAL MEASURES. ACCORDING TO GUINEAN MISOFF, BENINESE HOPE TO LINK THIS "AGGRESSION" WITH "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM." (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 327)

2. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT --

ROMANIAN MISOFF INFORMED US THAT EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP FINALLY AGREED TO BACK DOWN FROM ITS DEMAND FOR EIGHT SEATS ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR 1978 SPECIAL GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, AND BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDACIES. THEREFORE, THE SIX EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WILL BE USSR, GDR, HUNGARY, POLAND, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 326)

3. ALLIED VIEWS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) --

AT THE UN, OUR ALLIES HAVE LONG SUPPORTED CTB OBJECTIVE AND SHARE THE GENERAL VIEW THAT ITS ATTAINMENT IS THE

SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT GA DISARMAMENT GOAL. MAJORITY OF THEM
VOTED FOR THE 1976 RESOLUTION "CONDEMNING" ALL NUCLEAR
TESTS, AND REGARDLESS OF THEIR OWN SECURITY CONCERNS ALLIED
ATTITUDES AT THE UN ALSO REFLECT DEEP AND GROWING
CONCERN THAT FAILURE TO ATTAIN CTB WILL UNDERMINE AND MAY
FINALLY DEFEAT EFFORTS TO PREVENT FURTHER NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION. MANY ALLIES BELIEVE THE US AND USSR SHOULD
MOVE INITIALLY TO LIMITED-PARTICIPATION CTB RATHER THAN
SEEK ALL-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE AGREEMENT AS DEMANDED BY
SOVIETS. THOUGH SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE, ALLIES GENERALLY FAVOR
CCD AS FORUM FOR NEGOTIATING CTB AND ENVISAGE IT AS
MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT IN THE TRADITION OF LIMITED TEST
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BAN TREATY AND NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. (CONFIDENTIAL --
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4. COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS --

SOVIET AND IRAQI REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INDICATED THEY DO NOT HAVE PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF "RACISM/ZIONISM" AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS, THOUGH BOTH STATED THAT SHOULD THE ISSUE BE RAISED THEY WOULD SUPPORT AS ONE CRITERION FOR CONTINUED CONSULTATIVE STATUS SOME OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF NGO'S TO SUPPORT GA RESOLUTIONS OR, AT A MINIMUM, TO REFRAIN FROM "SLANDEROUS" ATTACKS ON THE UN OR GA DECISIONS. BOTH WENT INTO LENGTHY DIATRIBES ABOUT NGO'S WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR POSITION TO MAKE UNFAIR ACCUSATIONS. THEY WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, THOUGH THE IRAQI QUALIFIED IT BY SAYING THAT IN SOME INSTANCES VOTING MIGHT BE NECESSARY. BECAUSE THE DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SO LATE IN BEING DISTRIBUTED, THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON APPLICATIONS WEEK OF FEB. 7 AND WOULD PREFER RESUMED SESSION EARLY IN MARCH TO MAKE DECISIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 333)

5. ROMANIA AND THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT --

ROMANIAN MISOFF TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT HIS MISSION HAS DETECTED NO CHANGE IN SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD ROMANIA'S "THIRD WORLD CAMPAIGN."
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 335)

6. NEW DELHI NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING --

WE GATHER FROM NONALIGNED REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK THAT THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF THE NEW DELHI MINISTERIAL-
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LEVEL MEETING OF THE NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE TO REVIEW NONALIGNED-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE 31ST UNGA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL PREPARATORY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

IN NEW YORK. REASONS GIVEN FOR HOLDING THE MEETING
APRIL 6-11 RATHER THAN IN MARCH ARE INDIAN ELECTIONS AND
POSSIBILITY THAT UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA WILL TAKE PLACE DURING OUR SC PRESIDENCY IN MARCH
AND THIS WOULD PREOCCUPY NONALIGNED. (CONFIDENTIAL --
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7. ELECTIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION --

FRG UN MISSION SENT USUN A NOTE STATING IT WILL SUPPORT THE
US CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
AND RECALLING ITS EARLIER REQUEST FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR FRG
CANDIDACY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 329)

8. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT
(CSTD) --

CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL G-77 DELEGATIONS AND
GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS (NEPAL, VENEZUELA) REVEAL STRONG
DESIRE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR LOCATING THE CSTD
SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL G-77 DECISION
TAKEN. UK AND THE NETHERLANDS ALSO BACK NEW YORK LOCATION.
IT IS LIKELY THAT THE UN OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY (OST) WILL PLAY A SMALLER ROLE IN THE CSTD
SECRETARIAT THAN SOME HAD EXPECTED BECAUSE OF THE
ANTIPATHY BETWEEN CONFERENCE SYG DA COSTA AND OST DIRECTOR
STANDKE. ONE POSITIVE NOTE IS AGREEMENT OF DA COSTA AND
GRESFORD OF AUSTRALIA WHEREBY THE LATTER WOULD BECOME DA
COSTA'S DEPUTY. NO CLEAR CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED ON PART OF
G-77 OR COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE ON WORK SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED
BY SECRETARIAT. WEO'S (EXCEPT BELGIANS, WHO APPEAR TO
BACK ALL OF DA COSTA'S VIEWS DOWN THE LINE, AND POSSIBLY
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FRENCH) GENERALLY BACK SECRETARIAT APPROACH. (LIMITED
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THE CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORIZED TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE US LAWN
TENNIS ASSOCIATION ASKING IT TO RECONSIDER IT DECISION
TO HOLD THE PROPOSED MATCH IN APRIL BETWEEN A US DAVIS
CUP TENNIS TEAM AND "A TEAM FROM THE RACIST ORGANIZATION
IN SOUTH AFRICA." THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
FUND FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DONATING \$4 MILLION TO
THE FUND. FISHER (NIGERIA) REPORTED ON HIS PARTICIPATION,
ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, IN THE TRIBUNAL AGAINST APARTHEID
HELD IN PARIS JAN. 29. IN CLOSED PART OF THE MEETING,
THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS YEAR'S
OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION MARCH 21. INVITATIONS TO SPEAK
AT THE OBSERVANCE ARE TO BE SENT TO, AMONG OTHERS, THE UN
SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THE PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

11. SYG WALDHEIM'S CAIRO VISIT --

UN ISSUED RELEAST ON SYG WALDHEIM'S REMARKS TO PRESS

AND SCHEDULE ON SECOND DAY OF HIS CAIRO VISIT, INCLUDING
MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, LUNCHEON GIVEN
BY SPEAKER OF EGYPTIAN PARLIAMENT, AND DINNER
WITH PRIME MINISTER SALEM. (USUN 330)

12. STRENGTHENING OFFICE OF UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR--

US GRANT LETTER WAS SIGNED FEB. 3 BY AMB BENNETT FOR THE
US AND BY DEPUTY CONTROLLER ZIEHL FOR THE UN. (USUN 328)

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